

State purchase of office buildings
(HB 2091 by Cavazos/Armbrister)

DIGEST: HB 2091 would have revised the process established by the 70th Legislature under which the State Purchasing and General Services Commission decides whether to build new state office buildings or purchase and renovate existing buildings. It would have specified the factors the commission must consider when determining whether to buy or build. It would have allowed the commission to purchase an office building if it were in the interest of the state even though the building was more than 15 percent leased. The bill would have specifically authorized the commission to purchase One Capital Square with revenue bonds issued in 1985 to build a state building.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON

FOR VETO: This bill duplicates the provisions in SB 1813 and is therefore unnecessary.

RESPONSE: Bob Davis, chairman of the State Purchasing and General Services Commission, was quoted as saying that the governor's veto has put the purchase of One Capital Square on hold. The Legislature must approve the purchase of One Capital Square if it is in session; if it is not, the decision would be made by the Legislative Budget Board.

NOTES: HB 2091 passed the House on the Consent Calendar. The House Research Organization digest of SB 1813, the bill the governor said was duplicated by HB 2091, appeared in Part Two of the May 24, 1989 Daily Floor Report.